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1. If the Irian question is not settled through bi-lateral Dutch-Indonesian negotiations, the Indonesians may place the whole matter before the United Nations.
2. All political parties still support the efforts of the Sukiman Government to obtain Irian. Sukiman recalled Foreign Minister Subardjo from Paris to hear his views on the opinions and possible stand of other nations in regard to the Irian question.
3. The expressed Australian-Dutch opposition to turning over Irian to the Indonesians makes the position of moderate Indonesian political groups and leaders, such as the Sukiman Cabinet, difficult. Even though they may wish to cooperate with the Western Powers, to do so openly in the face of this opposition would make their position untenable and vulnerable to left-wing attack. Leftists would use the failure of the moderates to obtain Irian as an excuse for bringing about the fall of the Cabinet and for effectively propagandizing the West's continued imperialistic aims.

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